

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Greg Jones and I am writing to you regarding your consideration of dropping the requirement that the telephone companies be required to provide ISPs access to (their networks). This is a HUGE mistake.

I depend on my local Internet Service Provider to give me access to Internet services and options not available from the large telephone carriers. I make my living using the internet and do not want to depend on the telephone company for service and to be the only option. The telephone network will not be able to provide me and others the level of service we have come to enjoy and expect for Internet access. Such action will simply force the independent ISPs out of business and will do nothing but LIMIT consumer choice not expand it.

Furthermore, By having a current choice among several providers to choose from, I am not only allowed to find the best services to suit my needs, but also for the best price. Reducing the number of ISPs in the marketplace will certainly have the obvious result of reduced competition and increased prices for consumers in the long run.

I sincerely hope that you think very carefully what you are considering. Consumers all across America are depending on you to make the right decision. The right decision is to maintain and grow the level of competition in the Internet marketplace. That goal is best met by protecting and nurturing competitive market conditions for the thousands of independent ISPs and not through their destruction.

Commissioners I implore you to continue to protect the ISPs access to the public telephone networks and thereby protecting the rights of millions of consumers like me.

Sincerely,

Greg Jones  
4352 Accomack Dr.  
Louisville, KY 40241